

PERSHING WILL COMMAND FIRST UNITED STATES TROOPS FOR FLANDERS

War Department, Determined To Select Only Best Men For Dangerous Work of Meeting the Soldiers of the Kaiser On Western Front Are Notifying Old and Tried Regular Officers—General and Staff Go First

(Associated Press By Cable.)
WASHINGTON, May 19—One division, twenty-two thousand Americans, will be rushed to the fighting front in Flanders with as little delay as possible under the command of General Pershing.

Such was the formal announcement from the White House last night. It was stated that the President has been considering the request preferred by General Joffre and Vice-Premier Viviani of France, that the United States forward with as little delay as practicable, an armed force, no matter how small, for the moral effect which the presence of such a force would undoubtedly have upon both the Entente and the troops of the Central powers with whom the French and British are fighting.

General Pershing Will Command

General Pershing was selected after careful consideration, as the best available man to command the division, and he has been called from his work along the Mexican border to take charge of the preliminary work of gathering his staff and making other arrangements for his tremendously important undertaking.

While no details of the plan have been allowed to become public it was stated that General Pershing and his personal staff will undoubtedly be sent to France some time in advance of the main body of his command. This is in part to give him an opportunity of getting in close touch with the situation in northern France.

Selected Men Only Will Go

In the mean time the war department, it is understood, is even now busy with the task of selecting the commands which are to go into the make up of the division. The American division consists of two brigades of from two to four regiments of infantry each, a regiment of cavalry, a regiment of artillery, a regiment of engineers, a field hospital unit, signal corps companies and other auxiliaries. The regiments of infantry are made up of 1920 officers and men and the total of the divisional strength is in the neighborhood of twenty-two thousand men and officers.

The administration is determined that the men who are to be sent to France are to be the very pick of the American force, and in consequence is devoting not a little pains to the work of getting the best we have to meet the Huns.

Wise Old Officers Chosen

Orders are out already from the war department calling upon officers of proved judgment and experience for the desperate work that lies ahead of the American troops, and notifying them to begin to prepare for the task ahead of them.

The make up of the command that will go to France under General Pershing has not been decided upon as yet, but it is practically certain that it will be disproportionately strong in artillery of all calibers. The guns of the American army are ranked among the best in the world and the American gunners are among the finest despite the handicaps they have had until recently.

SLAVS PLANNING TO KEEP UP FIGHT

Representatives of Peasant Classes Show That They Would War To The End

(Associated Press by Cable.)
PETROGRAD, May 18—A congress of 500 delegates, purporting to represent the peasantry, is in assembly today with a program which consists in the crystallization of opinion of the peasants on vital national subjects.

The congress, its leaders say, sees the necessity of impressing the citizens with the fact that their new freedom brings not only new rights but new duties of safeguarding the interests of the country. The chairman in an address emphasized the necessity of the assumption of active operations on the war front.

The formation of the new cabinet, including six Socialists, has been completed.

TRUCE RUMOR HEARD

LONDON, May 18—The Exchange Telegraph Agency had advice today from Amsterdam that it is rumored that the Hague that a truce is about to be arranged between Russia and the Central Powers as a result of the political changes at Petrograd.

The rumor is characterized as of German origin.

ITALIAN PRINCE GIVES BADGES TO BOY SCOUTS

(By The Associated Press.)
ROME, May 18—The young Crown Prince, Umberto, in his smart uniform as a Boy Scout, recently distributed a special badge to his fellow Boy Scouts entrusted with the watching of the coast and Apennine passes against enemy airships. Next to the prince stood an American Boy Scout, living in Italy, who has joined the corps and was given this position of honor.

BOARDS TO HEAR LABOR DISPUTES

(Associated Press by Cable.)
WASHINGTON, May 19—The National Defense Council issued an announcement last night to the effect that war-labor mediation boards have been created in every great industrial center throughout the United States. These boards will have the power to hear industrial disputes and to ease the friction between employer and employee where possible, so that the work of manufacturing munitions and other supplies for the troops of the United States and of our allies shall not be hindered.

BRAZIL TO WITHDRAW FROM NEUTRAL STATE

(Associated Press by Cable.)
RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, May 19—It was reported here on excellent authority last night that the government of Brazil is contemplating withdrawing from the proclamation of neutrality which was issued when the United States declared war upon Germany.

PAY OF NAVAL FORCES WOULD BE INCREASED

(Associated Press by Cable.)
WASHINGTON, May 19—The conference committee of congress which has been considering the Navy Appropriation Bill decided last night that the measure should include provisions for increases in pay which will put the naval forces upon a par with the increase in the army.

NOW IS THE TIME

For rheumatism you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Now is the time to get rid of it. Try this Balm and see how quickly it will relieve the pain and soreness. For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., agents for Hawaii. Advertisement.

ROOSEVELT WILL NOT BE SENT TO FIGHT HUNS

President Announces That Acting Under Advice of Army Officers He Is Not Able To Avail Himself "Of the Fine Vigor and Enthusiasm" of Colonel

(Associated Press by Cable.)
WASHINGTON, May 19—Theodore Roosevelt will not lead a division in France, nor will his offer to raise a volunteer force for the war be accepted. The Army Bill, as it emerged from conference, following much heated discussion, empowered the President to accept Mr. Roosevelt's offer, but left the matter entirely to the discretion of the Chief Executive.

Last night, following the issuance of the first draft proclamation, the President issued a statement in which he formally declined Mr. Roosevelt's offer. The President stated that, after having secured expert opinions on the matter, both from American military men and from abroad, he felt that he was unable to avail himself of "the fine vigor and enthusiasm" of Mr. Roosevelt as a leader of a volunteer division for the front.

Officers of the army, in whose judgment he had full reliance, were opposed to Mr. Roosevelt's plan, the President explained, because they felt that to accept it would mean the departure for the front of many men who will be needed at home to help train the great new army about to be raised. The military strength of the country as it is today, will not stand this strain.

AGREEMENT REACHED BY ALLIED COUNTRIES

(Associated Press by Cable.)
WASHINGTON, May 19—It was formally announced last night that the government of the United States and that of Great Britain have reached an agreement whereby the resources of the two nations are to be treated as a unit by the Entente Allies. All supplies will be delivered preferentially to the members of the Allied group, while friendly neutral nations will be favored as much as possible in shipping arrangements, save in the case of an emergency. The United States will be asked to send representatives to every allied economic conference or committee meeting which may be held in the future.

GREEK VILLAGE IS BOMBED BY GERMANS

(Associated Press by Cable.)
LONDON, May 19—Reports reached here last night that a number of German aeroplanes yesterday bombed the unfortified town of Volos, Greece. Seventeen persons were killed and twenty-eight were wounded.

HONDURAS CASTS LOT WITH ENTENTE ALLIES

(Associated Press by Cable.)
WASHINGTON, May 18—News reached the state department today that the Central American republic of Honduras has severed relations with Germany.

SIXTEEN BAKERS ARE INDICTED FOR COERCION

(Associated Press by Cable.)
LOS ANGELES, May 19—Sixteen individuals, including officials of eleven baking companies, were indicted by a grand jury here yesterday, charged with the violation of the State anti-trust law. It is alleged that small retailers and bakers have been coerced by the larger firms into increasing and withholding the price of bread in this city.

METROPOLITAN RACING SEASON IS OPENED ON THE TRACK AT JAMAICA

(Associated Press by Cable.)
JAMAICA, New York, May 19—Kewness won the Pantomime Handicap, opening the Metropolitan season, yesterday. Will was second and Locharen third.

ROME'S WINE BILL JUMPS DESPITE WAR

Women of City Are Blamed For Spending Much Money On Candies and Cakes

(By The Associated Press.)
ROME, May 18—Neither the high prices of war time nor the patriotic appeals to limit expenses have materially affected the total food consumption of the city's population, according to figures compiled by Alberto Mancini, chief of the bureau of statistics of the city of Rome.

In his investigation he found that, while less meat had been eaten, there had been a decided increase in the purchase of luxuries, particularly candies, cakes, pastries, and also in coffee, tea, cocoa and milk. He stated that the excess of female population is supposed to be responsible for the unusual use of those articles.

Rome's wine bill has jumped from \$4,000,000 to \$9,000,000 a year, according to Signor Mancini, although the consumption for the past year was 5,000,000 gallons less than in 1914, when it was 1,200,000 gallons.

The consumption of beer has, however, increased in price, increased by 70%, 340 gallons yearly over 1914, when it was 1,200,000 gallons.

The consumption of meat has decreased by two-thirds.

"From these figures it will be seen," concluded Signor Mancini, "that frugality is a lost virtue, and also practiced without enthusiasm in war time."

HAWAIIAN FALLS AND BREAKS NECK

Victim Still Alive But Little Hope Exists

Early last night a Hawaiian man named Kalamoon, while descending some stairs leading from the Antioch Block, Queen and Cooke Streets, tumbled and fell two flights.

The injured man was taken to Queen's Hospital in the ambulance, where it was found that his neck was broken.

Early this morning the victim of the accident was still alive, though his case is regarded as hopeless.

Kalamoon is forty years of age, and is said to have been under the influence of liquor when he fell.

POCKET-KNIFE JUST MISSES JUGULAR VEIN

F. Oliver, Soldier, Receives Ten Stitches As Result

River Street near Benetania Street was the scene of a cutting affray last night as a result of which a civilian named F. Oliver came near losing his life.

Oliver and a soldier named Willie Williams, Company M, Twenty-fifth Infantry, had an argument, which resolved itself into a fight. Without warning, Williams drew a pocket-knife and slashed Oliver on the left side of the neck, inflicting a wound four inches long and just missing the jugular vein.

The injured man was taken to the emergency hospital, where ten stitches were taken in his wound. The soldier was placed under arrest.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT NARROWLY AVERTED

Joseph Roschill Ends Short Ride Abruptly

Joseph Roschill narrowly escaped serious injury shortly before midnight, as the result of an automobile accident. Nishi, driving automobile No. 2144, registered in the name of M. Kanamori, while proceeding along King Street and in the direction of Kalihi, near Desha Lane, dodged to avoid hitting Roschill, who was staggering across the road right in front of the car.

Roschill was caught at the bumper of his car and carried along until the machine ran into a telephone pole, stopping in its front part. When the car struck the pole, Roschill was knocked off, and almost miraculously escaped injury.

There were six soldiers in the car at the time.

EXPLOSION WRECKS BIG CHEMICAL PLANT

(Associated Press by Cable.)
NIAGARA FALLS, New York, May 18—Fire from a series of explosions, the cause of which is as yet unknown, today wrecked a damage of \$200,000 and for a while threatened a disastrous fire in the entire milling district, menacing millions of dollars' worth of property. The plant in which the explosion took place and where the fire was worst was the chloroform plant of the Electro Chemical Company.

TEUTONIC MASSES BROKEN BY GUNS

Fling Against French and British Lines the Germans Loosing Many Men

(Associated Press by Cable.)
NEW YORK, May 18—Dense masses of men hurled at the British lines yesterday by the Germans failed utterly to break the grip of Haig upon his new positions east of Bullecourt, and their effort cost the Germans enormously. The same tactics were followed by the Huns in the battle fields of the Aisne, and Champagne, but there they met the furious rain of shells from the French gunners and their columns melted under the attack and finally fell back, broken to ribbons of fleeing men.

During the night the Germans attacked in the vicinity of the Craonne plateau, but the star shells of the French revealed the attacking force in ample time for the barrage fire from the big guns to catch the oncoming gray regiments and throw them back into their own lines. The French attempted no serious movements on their sections of the line, but sent out a number of scouting parties in the Lorraine sector, some of which succeeded in penetrating the German lines and returned with prisoners and information.

From Rome came the announcement that the British have sent heavy guns to assist the Italians in their attack upon the Austrians in the Trieste sector. Additional information from Rome told of the rapid advance of the Italians, and of the widening of their offensive, until now the battle stretches all along their lines from the Trentino to the sea. Since May 12, when the offensive began the Italians report the capture of 9432 Austrian prisoners.

Berlin had but little to say regarding the fighting, but officially admitted the loss of Bullecourt, and claims to have repulsed the attack of the British on the Arras sector by means of hand to hand fighting.

SPRINGER NAMED AS CLERK BY JUDGE HEEN

His Appointment Puzzles and Worries Local Democrats

M. M. Springer has been appointed by Judge W. H. Heen as reporter of the latter's court. Among applicants for the position were: George B. Clark, P. Maurice McMahon and H. W. Neitert.

Springer was formerly reporter in the court of Judge Clem Quinn, at Hilo, Hawaii, but is said to have been discharged because of his Republican affiliations. Following his discharge by Judge Quinn, Springer acted as reporter in the court of Judge J. Wesley Thompson at Kailua, Hawaii.

Springer is an old-time Republican and his appointment to office by a Democrat has caused considerable consternation in the ranks of the local Bourbons.

AMERICAN HOSPITAL UNIT REACHES FRONT

(Associated Press by Cable.)
LONDON, May 18—It was announced today that the first of six American Red Cross hospital units has arrived. There are three hundred in the party, including physicians, nurses and attendants, and they will take charge of a base hospital on the British front.

BOY CHARGED WITH SETTING FIRE TO KANE'S DWELLING

Joseph Leal, boy's probation officer, arrested yesterday a twelve-year-old Portuguese boy who is believed to have set fire to the Gulick Avenue house of Alfred B. Kane, watchman at the Boys' Industrial School in Waialeale, this island. The house was burnt to the ground some days ago.

Worries Bring Aches

Life today brings many worries and worrying brings on kidney troubles, the medical men say. Kidney weakness reveals itself in backaches, pains when stooping or lifting, dizzy head aches and urinary disorders. Be cheerful. Stop worrying. Let the world go on, and to strengthen weakened kidneys, use Doan's Backache Kidney Pills. The kidney remedy that is known, used and recommended the world over.

"When Your Back Is Lame—Remember the Name." Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Backache Kidney Pills and take no other. Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists and storekeepers at 50c a box (six boxes \$2.50). It will be mailed on receipt of price by the Hallett Drug Co., 25 Benson Street & Co., agents for the Hawaiian Islands.

REGISTRATION DATE SET IN PROCLAMATION ISSUED IMMEDIATELY AFTER

Chief Executive Pointing To Need of Meeting the Crimes of Tentons With Force, Urges the Nation To Unite For Carrying Out Country's Duty To Our Allies and Ourselves Whether In the Field or the Factory

(Associated Press By Cable.)
WASHINGTON, May 19—President Wilson last night affixed his signature to the Army Bill and the Nation is now under a compulsory military service law.

Immediately after signing the bill, a proclamation which had already been prepared, calling for the first draft of half a million men, to be selected by quota from the various States and Territories, was issued. This proclamation named June 5 as the date when the registration of all male citizens between the ages of twenty-one and thirty years, subject to draft, is to begin. This registration will be carried on under the election machinery of the States and is to be completed, according to the expectations here, by June 10.

Territories' Turn Coming Later

The proclamation naming the registration date makes an exception of the Territories of Hawaii, Alaska and Porto Rico, the date for which will be named in a later proclamation.

The President, in his proclamation, urges the Nation to unite for the tremendous task confronting the United States and to prepare each man to carry out the duty with which he will be confronted, whether it be in the field with the army or at some equally necessary task back of the firing line.

Must Meet Force With Force

"The Powers which are arrayed against us," says the President, "have sought to impose their will upon the world by force, and by force we must resist them. The new and the increased armament which all belligerents have brought into the field today have changed the face of war, until now the whole Nation must become men in arms if their cause is to be crowned with success."

"Today, those who till the soil and those who man the factories of France are not less a part of the army defending that soil than are the men who fight beneath the battle flags of that Republic, and it must be so with us. It is not alone an army we must train, but a whole nation."

Bill New Landmark For Nation

"This is a new thing in our history and this bill which has just become a law is a landmark in our national progress."

The proclamation enjoins the men of the Nation to approach registration day with a thoughtful apprehension of its significance. The proclamation calls all national guard units into the federal service, the mobilizations of the various State guards into the selected military centers to take place between July 15 and August 5.

To Fill Up All Guard Command

The governors of the various States and Territories are authorized to proceed with the recruiting of all guard units up to war strength.

The bill, as it reached the President, provides ultimately for an army of two million men, but the first call is for only half a million, a number which it is estimated may be withdrawn from profitable employment at this time without crippling any industry.

Yesterday, as an amendment to the War Budget Bill, the senate added a rider to the effect that the provisions of the Army Bill relating to compulsory military service be effective only until four months after the termination of the present war.

MANY ARE LOST WHEN BIG TRANSPORT SINKS

(Associated Press by Cable.)
LONDON, May 19—The British transport Camperdown is reported to have been sunk by a submarine or mine last Thursday. One hundred and forty are known to be missing and it is feared that they were killed by the explosion or subsequently drowned.

ADVERTISING MATTER MUST BEAR INCREASE

(Associated Press by Cable.)
WASHINGTON, May 19—The ways and means committee of the house decided yesterday after a prolonged discussion upon a tax of one cent upon mailing matter passing through postnet. The tax will be collected by increasing the postal rate upon advertising matter.

JAPANESE GUNBOATS NOW ACT AS CONVOYS

(Associated Press by Cable.)
PAIER, May 18—Japanese gunboats have arrived at Mazzeille to aid in combating the submarine campaign by acting as convoys to merchantmen.

PRICE OF FLOUR IS COMING DOWN NOW

Cable advices from the Coast yesterday announce that the wholesale price of flour has been reduced seventy cents a barrel. Other advices indicate that further reductions may be expected shortly.

TEUTON SHIPS TO BALK SUBMARINES

United States Will Bend Every Effort To Aid Russia and Other Allies

(Associated Press by Cable.)
WASHINGTON, May 18—All available American ships, the German liners seized in the United States harbors, and all the vessels that England can spare probably will soon be carrying munitions and railroad supplies to Europe, a great proportion of these being destined for Russia.

This is part of the united efforts decided upon to hold the provisional government of Russia safe against the active German influences working toward a separate peace and a cessation of Russian fighting. The efforts also will be devoted to encouraging the Russians to take the offensive while the Allies on the other fronts are battering their way forward.

The Allied war committees, it became known today, are making preparations to furnish the necessary transportation, to the necessary transportation, to the necessary transportation.

LIBERTY LOAN FUNDS TO REMAIN IN BANKS

(Associated Press by Cable.)
WASHINGTON, May 18—The treasury department this afternoon announced that the proceeds of the Liberty Loan will be deposited in banks and with trust companies qualified to act as depositories and which forward subscriptions of at least \$100,000 where that was possible. Others forwarding less will be treated similarly later. The government will receive two per cent interest on the funds so deposited.